### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 29, 2012

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

#### Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Over the last year, a struggle has taken place between Lightsquared and the GPS community on the risks of Lightsquared operating in spectrum adjacent to GPS operations. True to your word, you have decided not to allow Lightsquared to operate in that adjacent spectrum after the National Telecommunications and Information Administration determined through an interagency process that doing so would pose insurmountable risks.

We understand your decision but urge you to work with the company and other spectrum holders, including federal agencies and the NTIA, to locate and identify alternate spectrum that Lightsquared could use for a nationwide 4G LTE wireless broadband network.

Others have rightly pointed out that this situation raises the question of whether the agency should create receiver standards so that license holders operate only in their licensed spectrum and do not foreclose opportunities for others to use this scarce public resource. However, that is a structural issue to consider over the long-term. In the short-term, we urge you to work with industry and the relevant federal agencies to find consensus on alternate spectrum for Lightsquared's proposed network. Advancing Lightsquared's network in a consensus manner would increase competition in the wireless broadband market and promote the public interest.

Sincerely,

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

August 13, 2012

The Honorable Lindsey Graham United States Senate 290 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Graham:

Thank you for your letter urging that the Commission consider options that will allow LightSquared to offer its planned wireless broadband service, including authorizing use of alternative spectrum for this service. Your letter will be included in the record of the related proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review.

Commission staff has continued to meet with representatives of LightSquared, and is working with them through the complex issues of this proceeding. Currently, no petition is before the Commission regarding alternative spectrum for LightSquared. Should that change, the Commission will coordinate with NTIA as necessary, and consider any proposals carefully.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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